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September 18, 2001

Re: Stella Wright Homes Hope VI Redevelopment

Dear Focus Group Participant,

The tragic events of September 11 led to the cancellation of our planned design charrettes and public meeting on the 11th, 12th and 13th. However, the design team of Urban Design Associates and Clarke Caton Hintz has been busy refining the design concepts for the new community in the Stella Wright Homes area. Many thanks to all of you who continue to show support for the redevelopment plans for the Stella Wright Homes community. Our next phase will be the **public presentation** of design concepts for the community-- complete with parks, community centers, landscaping and housing.

On **September 25, 2001**, the design team will officially present our initial concepts for the planned community. The workshop for this presentation will be held at 7 p.m. at the **Metropolitan Baptist Church, 149 Springfield Avenue**. This meeting replaces the Focus Group Meetings that we had scheduled for the 11th and 12th and the public meeting scheduled for the 13th. During this rescheduled meeting we will present the initial designs to the overall group, then split up into smaller groups for more in-depth discussion and feedback. I invite you to attend this presentation so that you will have an opportunity to see the design concepts that are being proposed and to give the design team immediate feedback on our concepts. Participation of all interested parties in this design process is crucial for the success of this important project.

Please give Thecla Uriyo or me a call at 609-883-8383 so that we know who will be participating in the workshop on Tuesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. Parking is available at the Metropolitan Baptist Church. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

John D. S. Hatch, AIA; Partner

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August 28, 2001

Frank Hutchins
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Fax 973-643-0099

Re: Stella Wright Hope VI

Dear Mr. Hutchins:

On behalf of the Newark Housing Authority (NHA), I would like to invite your continued participation in the process of designing Stella Wright's new and distinctive community by attending another "Focus Group Meeting" during the NHA's **Design Charrette**. The Focus Groups will continue to work with the planning consultants, Urban Design Associates and Clarke Caton Hintz, to develop a specific plan that can be implemented. The Design Charrette constitutes Phase II of the design process. During this phase, alternative designs will be actively explored and discussed. This intensive process will culminate with the presentation of a specific overall plan at a Public Meeting to be held at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 13th, 2001 at the Citadel of Hope, located at 652 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd.

As you know, the Stella Wright neighborhood has been awarded a \$35 million HOPE VI grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The purpose of the grant is to transform the existing neighborhood through the demolition of the existing towers and the construction of a new town center that will contain 755 units of mixed income housing, community centers, retail development, parks, open space and other ingredients needed to create a community. The Stella Wright Homes redevelopment offers a unique opportunity for you to be involved in the design process for an entirely new community. As part of this process, you will assist the NHA and the planners in determining what is needed to make this community attractive and functional. You will assist them in determining where best to situate the different types of housing, how to configure those units, how to organize the streets, where to locate parks, etc. Your input is needed to help the consultants understand how these components should relate to the existing and proposed educational institutions, shopping areas and recreational facilities in the area.

The Existing Community Development Focus Group will meet from 11:00 to 1:30 Wednesday, September 12, 2001, at the Citadel of Hope, 652 Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard. Please contact me at 609-883-8383 to confirm your attendance. If you can't make this particular meeting, we have other time slots available on the 11th and 12th. We welcome your recommendations for anyone else who should attend these Focus Group Meetings and the Public Meeting.

The Hope VI grant is a tremendous opportunity for the neighborhood, and it is our intention to gain as much public participation as possible. We look forward to your continued participation in making the Stella Wright Homes neighborhood one that all of Newark can be proud of.

Sincerely,

John D. S. Hatch, AIA; Partner

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July 26, 2001

Nancy Zak,
Ironbound Community Corporation
51 McWhorter Street,
Newark, NJ 07105

Re: Stella Wright Hope VI

Dear Ms. Zak:

As you may know, the Stella Wright neighborhood has been awarded a \$35 million HOPE VI grant by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). The purpose of the grant is to transform the existing neighborhood through the construction of a new town center which will contain 755 units of mixed income housing, community centers, retail development, parks, open space and other ingredients needed to create a community.

On behalf of the Newark Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA), I would like to invite you to join the process of designing this new community having distinctive neighborhoods by attending a "Focus Group Meeting." The Focus Groups will work with the planning consultants, Urban Design Associates, and Clarke Caton Hintz, to refine the overall development into a specific plan that can be implemented.

The Stella Wright Homes sites offers a unique opportunity for you to be involved in the design process for a new "planned" community that people will want to move to and that will be a key to the redevelopment of the area. As part of the Focus Groups, you will assist the Newark Housing Authority and the planners in determining what is needed to make this new community attractive and functional. You will assist them in determining where best to situate the homeownership units and the rental units and helping the consultants understand how these two components should relate to the existing and proposed educational institutions, shopping, and recreational facilities in the area.

The Community Development Focus Group will be meeting from 4:30 to 6:15 Wednesday, August 8, 2001. The location will be close to the Stella Wright Homes area and will be confirmed shortly. Please contact me at 609-883-8383 to confirm your attendance. If you can't make this particular meeting, we have other time slots available on the 8th and 9th. We would also appreciate recommendations for anyone else who should attend these Focus Group Meetings.

The Hope VI grant is a tremendous opportunity for the neighborhood, and it is our intention to gain as much public participation as possible. We look forward to working with you to making the Stella Wright Homes neighborhood one that all of Newark can be proud of.

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Sincerely,

John D. S. Hatch, AIA; Partner

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October 19, 2001

RE: Stella Wright Homes, HOPE VI Update meeting

Dear Stakeholder/ Focus Group Participant:

During August the Housing Authority of the City of Newark (NHA) and its design consultants, Urban Design Associates and Clarke Caton Hintz, held focus group and public meetings to gather information on the expectations various stakeholders held for the redevelopment of the Stella Wright Homes HOPE VI project and to share NHA's goals, objectives and vision.

The design consultants' efforts in September were abruptly halted by the tragic events of September 11; however, they continued to develop the design plans in consultation with various stakeholders and the steering committee. On September 25, the team presented its conceptual designs for the Stella Wright HOPE VI project to the steering committee and to participants at a public meeting.

If you missed the September 25 presentation, please join us for a follow-up meeting on Tuesday, October 30, at 10 a.m. to noon at the NHA offices at 57 Sussex Avenue in the Board Room. At that time the HOPE VI staff will give you a status report on the design plans and the project process going forward. Please call 973-430-2182 to confirm your participation in this meeting.

We are excited about the Stella Wright HOPE VI project and about its potential to lead the revitalization of the Central Ward as well as the role the project is playing in coordinating and supporting the many viable organizations, businesses, and agencies that are a vital part of this community. We trust you will join us so that you can share our enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

Karen Torian
Assistant Executive Director